

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

Good afternoon, my name is Guadalupe Escamilla and I live in Hartford. I am member of Hartford Deportation Defense and I'm in favor of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

I personally, as well as the entire immigrant community, are forced to pay high costs for medical services. In my case 2 years ago, when I was pregnant, and since I went to take a pregnancy test, they asked me for my social security and medical insurance, which I do not have because I am undocumented. I could not follow up on my pregnancy because I did not have the money to pay for my check-up appointments. I know that in other states they provide you with that care free of charge during pregnancy. We ask you to notice the difference so that in this state we can also be seen anywhere, and so that they can provide us with medical attention.

Please support S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS because it is an important step in improving our immigrant community's access to health care.

Thank you for your time,
Guadalupe Escamilla